

September 19
^{23.29} Who has woe? Who has sorrow?
Who has strife? Who has complaints?
Who has needless bruises? Who has bloodshot eyes?
³⁰ Those who linger over wine,
who go to sample bowls of mixed wine.
³¹ Do not gaze at wine when it is red,
when it sparkles in the cup,
when it goes down smoothly!
³² In the end it bites like a snake
and poisons like a viper.
³³ Your eyes will see strange sights,
and your mind will imagine confusing things.
³⁴ You will be like one sleeping on the high seas,
lying on top of the rigging.
³⁵ 'They hit me,' you will say, 'but I'm not hurt!
They beat me, but I don't feel it!
When will I wake up so I can find another drink?'

- 1. What happens to people when they get drunk?
- 2. How can we best avoid these pitfalls?